

4. GENERAL PROTECTION/COLLECTION STRATEGIES

4.1. Chapter Overview

This chapter details the specific response strategies and resources to protect as outlined by the participants of the GRP workshop for the North Central Puget Sound area. It describes the strategies determined for each area and the prioritization of those strategies. Note that GRPs only address protection of sensitive **public** resources. It is the responsibility of private resource owners and/or potentially liable parties to address protection of private resources (such as commercial marinas, private water intakes, and non-release aquaculture facilities).

Maps & Matrices

The maps in this chapter provide information on the specific location of booming strategies. They are designed to help the responder visualize response strategies. Details of each booming strategy are listed in corresponding matrix tables. Each matrix indicates the exact location, intent and implementation of the strategy indicated on the map. The "Status" column describes whether the strategy has been visited or tested in the field, and the date of the visit/test. Most strategies include a number for the corresponding shoreline photo, which is available on the Washington Department of Ecology's internet site at <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/shorephotos/>.

Major Protection Techniques

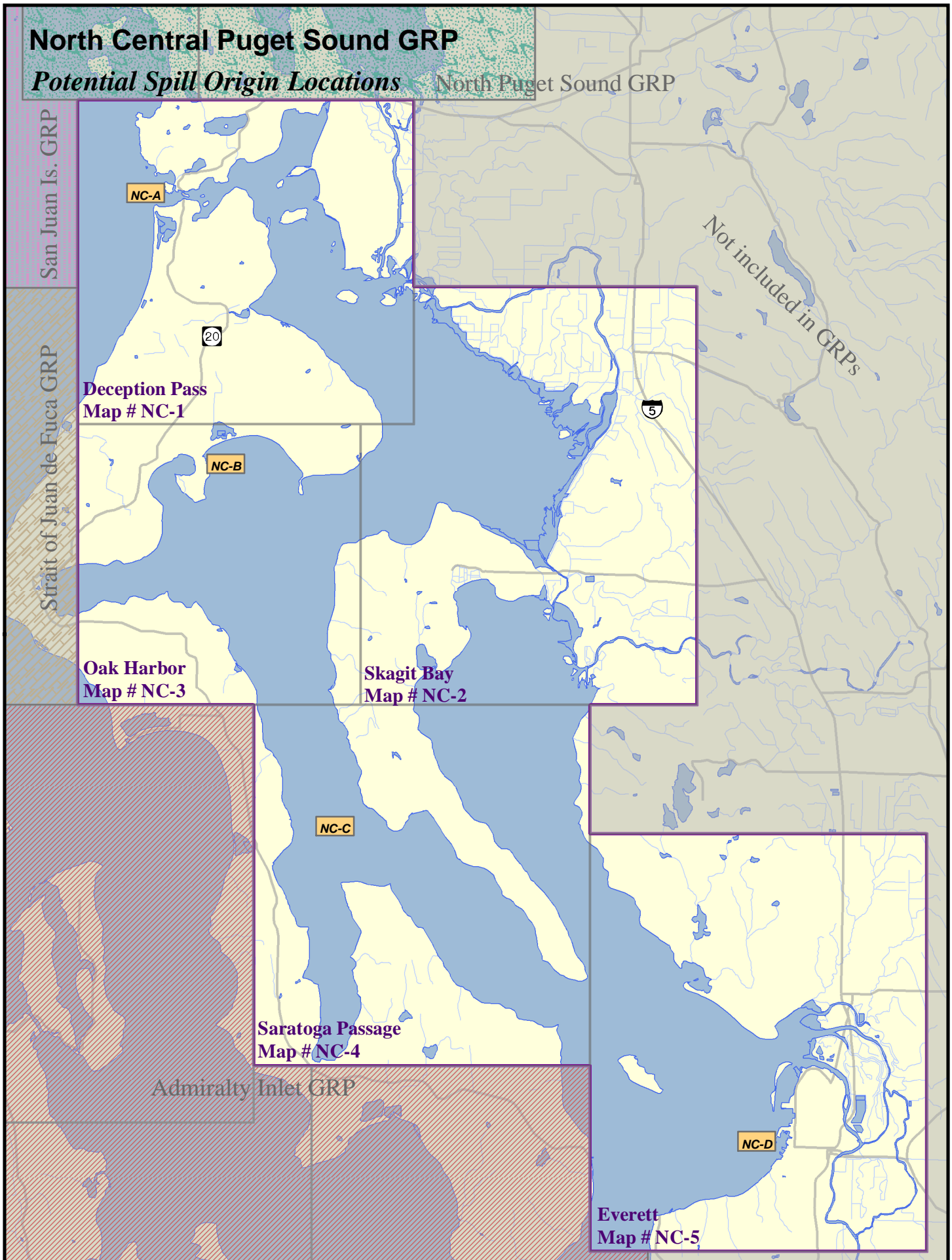
All response strategies fall into one of three major techniques that may be utilized either individually or in combination. The strategies listed in Section 4.2 are based on the following techniques, and are explained in detail in Section 4.3:

Dispersants: Washington State Policy currently does not allow use of dispersants in this area. Certain chemicals break up slicks on the water. Dispersants can decrease the severity of a spill by speeding the dissipation of certain oil types. Their use will require approval of the Unified Command. Dispersants will only be used in offshore situations under certain conditions, until further determinations are made by the Area Committee and published in the Area Contingency Plan.

In Situ Burning: Approval to burn in this area is unlikely due to the proximity of population to a potential burn site. Burning requires the authorization of the Unified Command, who determine conformance of a request to burn with the guidelines set forth in the Area Plan. This option is preferable to allowing a slick to reach the shore provided that population areas are not exposed to excessive smoke. Under the right atmospheric conditions, a burn can be safely conducted in relative close proximity to human population. This method works on many types of oil, and requires special equipment including a fire boom and igniters.

Mechanical Recovery and Protection Strategies: If a spill is too close to shore to use In Situ burning or dispersants, the key strategies are skimming and use of collection, diversion, or exclusion booming to contain and recover the oil, and prevent it from entering areas with sensitive wildlife and fisheries resources. These options are described in detail in Appendix A. Specific skimming strategies are not listed in the maps and matrices, but skimming should be used whenever possible and is often the primary means of recovering oil and protecting resources, especially when booming is not possible or feasible.

Priorities: The strategy priority tables (Section 4.2.) were developed using specific locations where spills are likely to occur. Trajectory modeling was used for each of these "Potential Spill Origins" to identify sensitive resources that would likely be impacted within the initial hours of the spill. A booming strategy priority table was developed for each of the "Potential Spill Origins" based on the sensitivity of resources, feasibility, etc. **Booming strategies should be deployed following the priority table for the "Potential Spill Origin" closest to the actual spill origin.** The map on page 4-2 shows the locations of all Potential Spill Origins for the North Central Puget Sound GRP. The booming strategies indicated in the priority tables are explained in detail in the Maps & Matrices section (Section 4.3.). It is implied that control and containment at the source is the number one priority of any response. If in the responder's best judgment this is not feasible, then the priorities laid out in the priority tables take precedence over containment and control.



4.2.2 Booming Strategy Priority Tables

Table 4-1

Potential Spill Origin: NC-A - Deception Pass			
BOOMING PRIORITY	STRATEGY NUMBER	MAP PAGE NUMBER	COMMENTS
1	NC-1	4-5	
2	NC-2	4-5	
3	NC-3	4-5	
4	NC-4	4-5	
5	NC-11	4-5	
6	NC-5	4-5	
7	NC-10	4-5	
8	NC-12	4-5	

Table 4-2

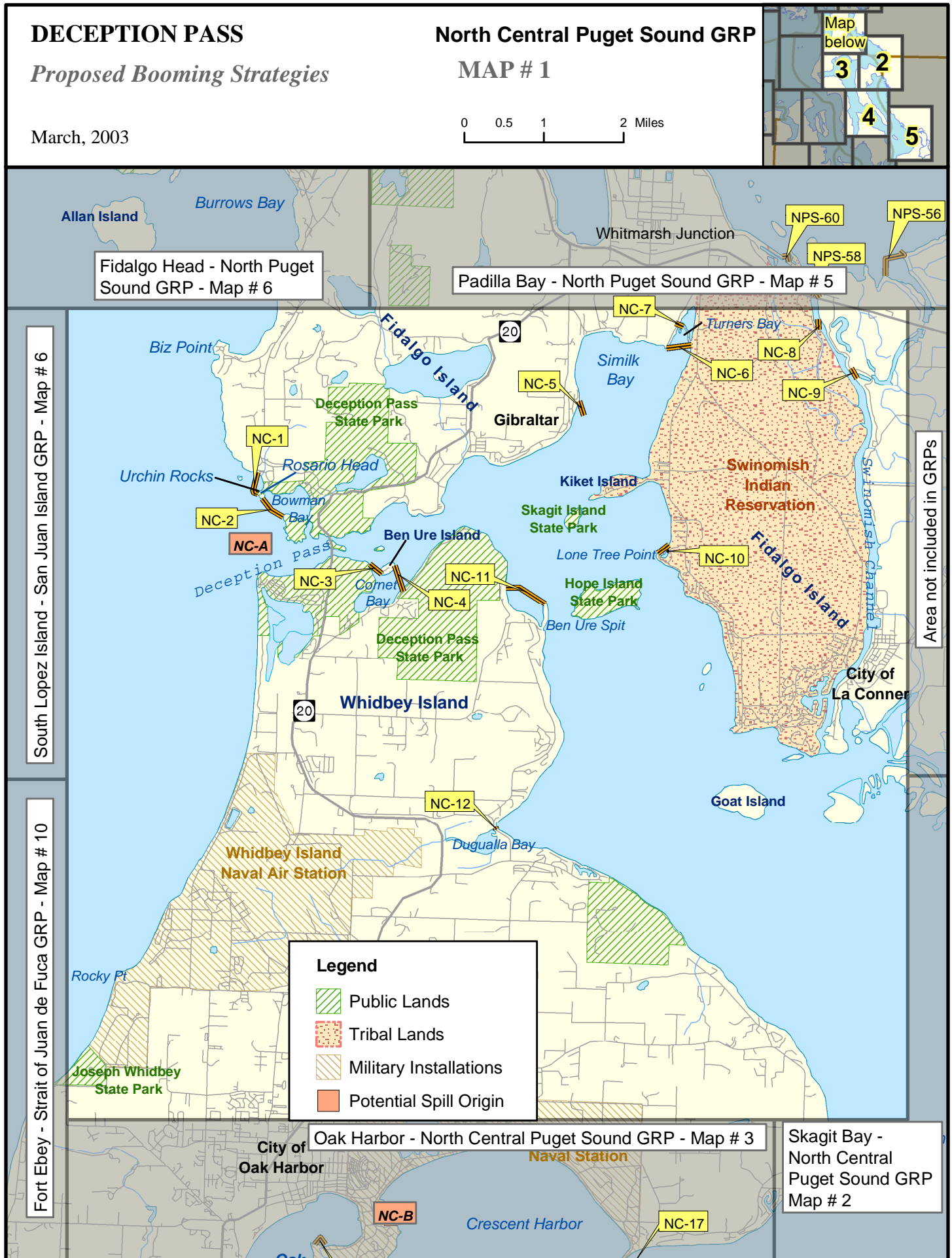
Potential Spill Origin: NC-B – Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Crescent Harbor			
BOOMING PRIORITY	STRATEGY NUMBER	MAP PAGE NUMBER	COMMENTS
1	NC-18	4-7	
2	NC-17	4-7	

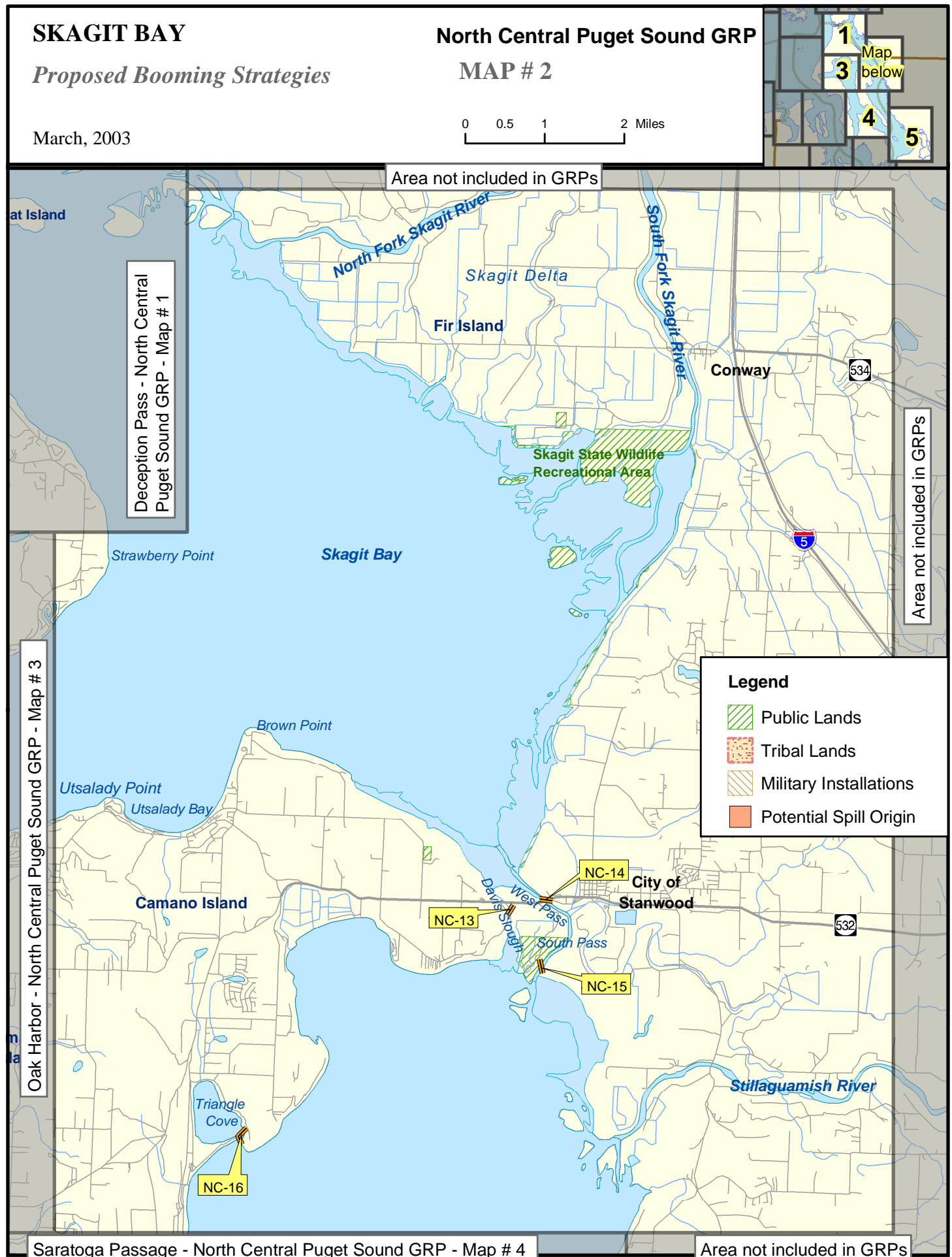
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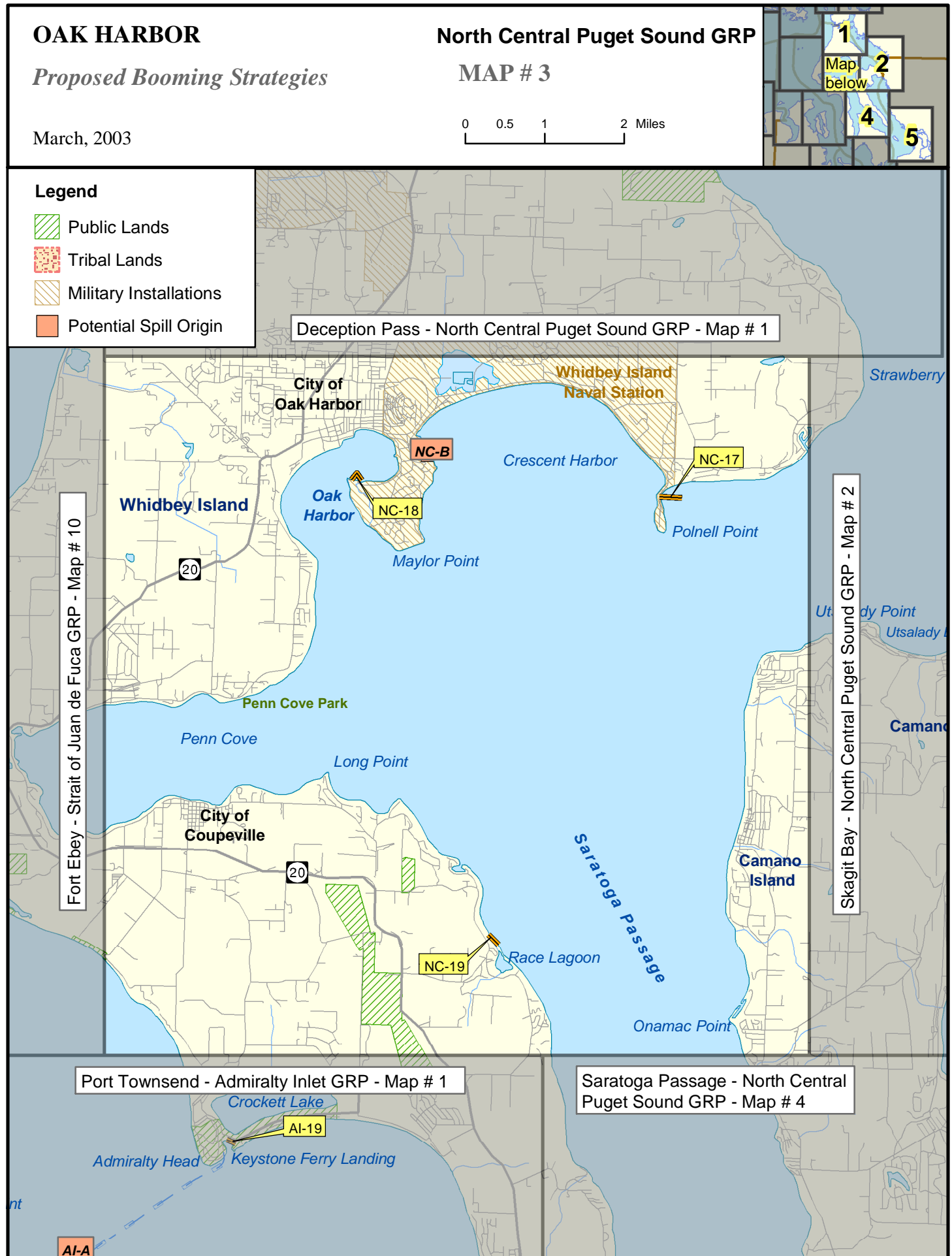
Potential Spill Origin: NC-C - Saratoga Passage, mouth of Holmes Harbor			
BOOMING PRIORITY	STRATEGY NUMBER	MAP PAGE NUMBER	COMMENTS
1	NC-21	4-8	
2	NC-20	4-8	
3	NC-19	4-7	

Table 4-4

Potential Spill Origin: NC-D - Everett Harbor, Navy Homeport			
BOOMING PRIORITY	STRATEGY NUMBER	MAP PAGE NUMBER	COMMENTS
1	NC-25	4-9	
2	NC-24	4-9	
3	NC-23	4-9	
4	NC-22	4-9	
5	NC-21	4-8	
6	NC-19	4-7	





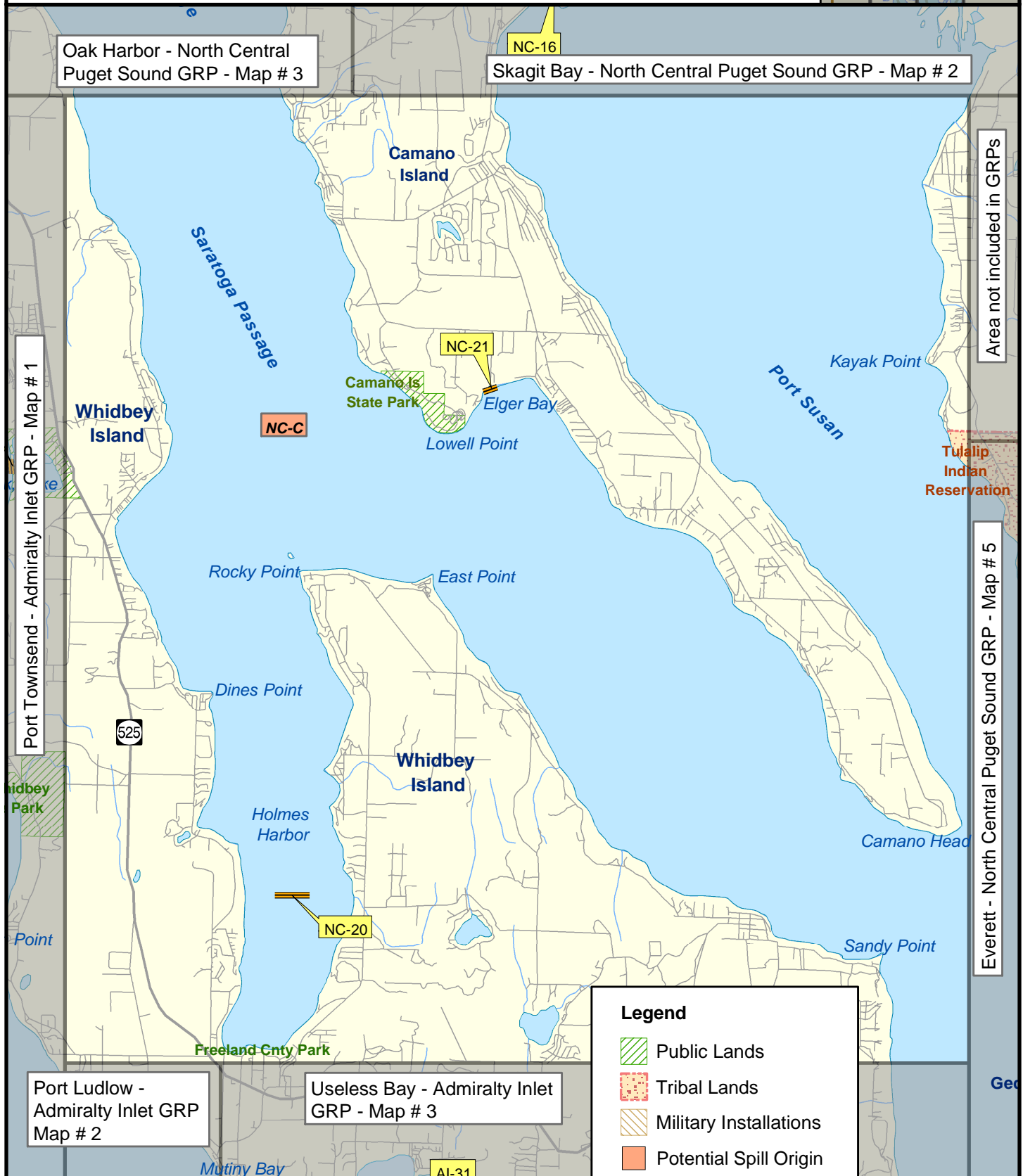
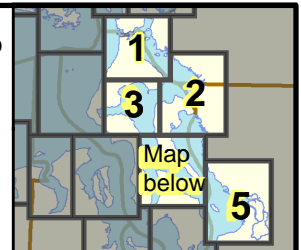


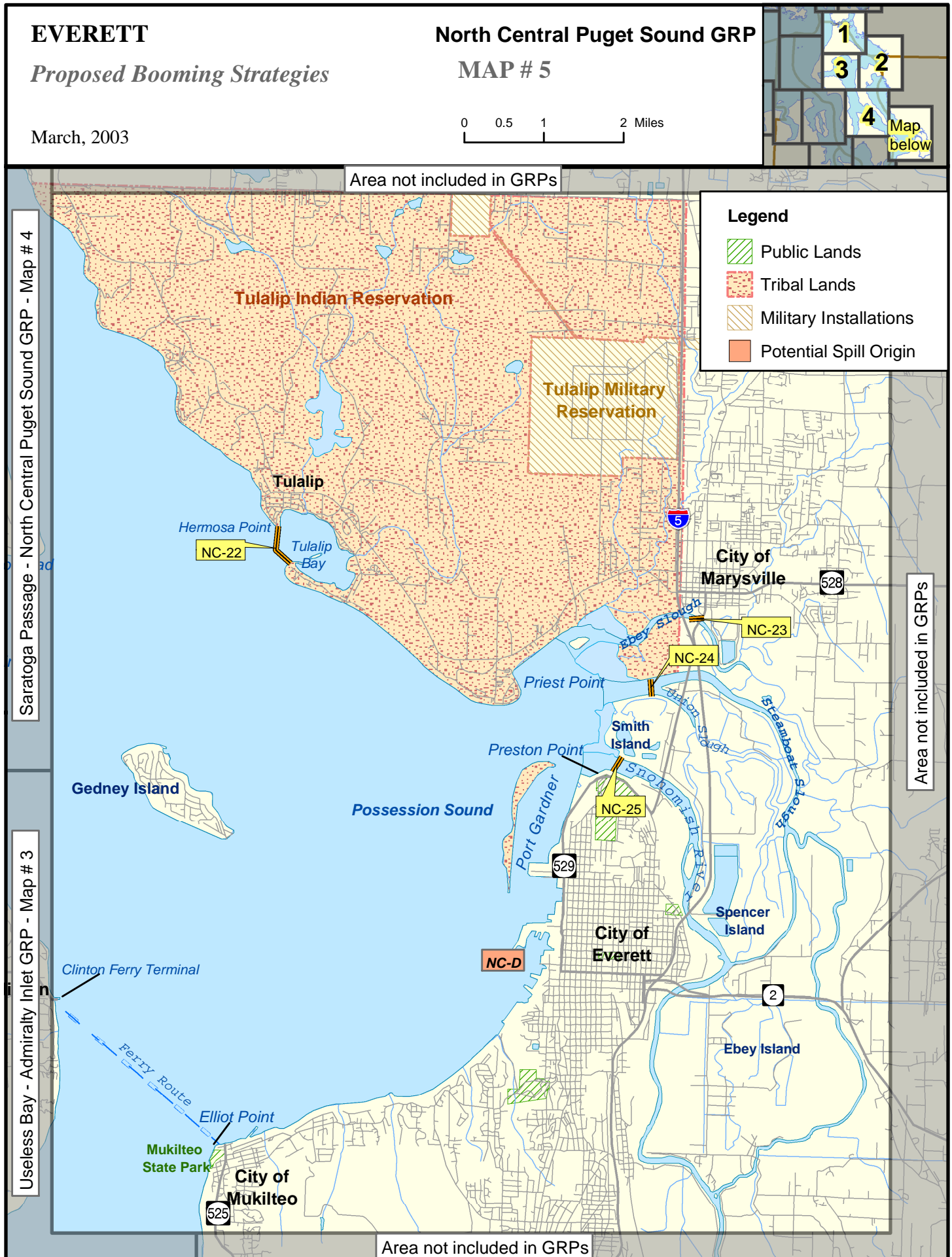
SARATOGA PASSAGE*Proposed Booming Strategies*

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North Central Puget Sound GRP**MAP # 4**

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4.3.2 Proposed Booming and Collection Strategies: Matrices

Strategy	Status	Location	Response Strategy	Length of Boom	Strategy Implementation	Staging Area	Site Access	Resources Protected
NC-1	New Strategy 9/01	Urchin Rocks (Northwest of Bowman Bay and Deception Pass) SKA0468 48°-25.030'N 122°-39.935'W	Exclusion - Keep oil off Urchin Rocks and out of the tide pools on the north shore of Rosario Head.	1900'	Deploy boom from Rosario Beach, out to and around Urchin Rocks, and back to the west side of Rosario Head to protect the tide pools on the north shore of Rosario Head. This area is exposed to southerly and westerly weather, fall back and protect as much of Urchin Rocks and the tide pools as possible if the strategy cannot be deployed as described. Rosario Beach is a low priority for this strategy.	Stage from the Bowman Bay boat ramp parking lot, the Deception Pass State Park, or Anacortes.	By boat from the ramp in Bowman Bay (SKA0472), or from Anacortes. Vehicle access from Highway 20 to Rosario Road.	Protect the tide pools on Rosario Head, rocky shoreline, and kelp beds; seabird concentrations, and sensitive nesting species.
NC-2	Field Tested 5/00	Bowman Bay and Sharpe Cove (Northwest of Deception Pass) SKA0469 48°-24.820'N 122°-39.565'W	Exclusion - Keep oil out of the bay and cove.	1900'	Deploy boom in a chevron configuration across the entrance to the bay and the cove from the south side of Rosario Head to the northwest corner of Reservation Head. Run the boom between Gull Rocks and Coffin Rocks. This area is exposed to southerly and westerly weather, fall back and protect as much of the bay and cove as possible if the strategy cannot be deployed as described.	Stage from the Bowman Bay boat ramp parking lot, the Deception Pass State Park, or Anacortes.	By boat from the ramp in Bowman Bay (SKA0472), or from Anacortes. Vehicle access from Highway 20 to Rosario Road.	Protect rocky shoreline and kelp beds, seabird concentrations, and sensitive nesting species.
NC-3		Cornet Bay - West entrance (West shore to Ben Ure Island, north end of Whidbey Island) SKA0311 48°-24.210'N 122°-37.880'W	Exclusion - Keep oil out of the bay.	1000'	Deploy boom across the west entrance to the bay from the west shore to the dock on the west end of Ben Ure Island.	Stage from the Cornet Bay boat ramp parking lot, the Deception Pass State Park, or Anacortes.	By boat from the ramp in Cornet Bay (ISL0305), or from Anacortes. Vehicle access from Highway 20 to Cornet Bay Road.	State Park recreational resources.

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Strategy	Status	Location	Response Strategy	Length of Boom	Strategy Implementation	Staging Area	Site Access	Resources Protected
NC-4		Cornet Bay - East entrance (Ben Ure Island to the east shore, north end of Whidbey Island) SKA0317 48°-24.140'N 122°-37.500'W	Exclusion/ Collection - Keep oil out of the bay.	1400'	Deploy boom across the east entrance to the bay from the east end of Ben Ure Island to the pier at the Cornet Bay boat ramp for collection with a vac truck at the boat ramp.	Stage from the Cornet Bay boat ramp parking lot, the Deception Pass State Park, or Anacortes.	By boat from the ramp in Cornet Bay (ISL0305), or from Anacortes. Vehicle access from Highway 20 to Cornet Bay Road.	State Park recreational resources.
NC-5	Strategy modified 9/01	Gibraltar (West side of Similk Bay) SKA0494 48°-25.785'N 122°-34.785'W	Collection - Keep oil out of Similk Bay.	1000'	Deploy boom at an angle to the south from the beach at Gibraltar to collect oil moving along the shoreline from Deception Pass.	Stage from the Deception Pass State Park, Cornet Bay, or Anacortes.	By boat from the ramp in Cornet Bay (ISL0305), or from Anacortes. Vehicle access from Highway 20 to Gibraltar Road.	Dungeness crab, large waterfowl concentration, eagle nests, high productivity area.
NC-6		Turner Bay - Outer Strategy (Northeast corner of Similk Bay) SKA0510 48°-26.715'N 122°-33.025'W	Exclusion - Keep oil out of the bay.	1700'	Deploy boom across the outer entrance to the bay from the point on the west shore to the base of the sand spit on the east shore. May be difficult to deploy at low tide, much of the area becomes a mud flat. Deploy NC-7 first at low tide.	Stage from the road on the west shore (SKA0506), the Swinomish Channel boat ramp parking lot (under Highway 20), or Anacortes.	By boat from the ramp in Cornet Bay (ISL0305), or from Anacortes. Vehicle access from Highway 20 to Reservation Road.	

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NC-7	New Strategy 9/01	Turner Bay - Inner Strategy (Northeast corner of Similk Bay) SKA0512 48°-26.950'N 122°-33.020'W	Exclusion - Keep oil out of the bay.	300'	Deploy boom across the inner entrance to the bay from the tip of the sand spit on the east shore to the beach on the west shore. Deploy before NC-6 at low tide.	Stage from the road on the west shore (SKA0506), the Swinomish Channel boat ramp parking lot (under Highway 20), or Anacortes.	By boat from the ramp in Cornet Bay (ISL0305), or from Anacortes. Vehicle access from Highway 20 to Reservation Road.	
NC-8		Pocket on west side of Swinomish Channel (previously NPS-59) SKA0596 48°-26.935'N 122°-30.810'W	Deflection/ Collection - Keep oil from moving into the Swinomish Channel.	500'	Deploy 500' of boom at the small pocket on the west shore of the channel south of the Highway 20 bridge to deflect the oil into a natural collection area.	Stage at the Swinomish Channel boat ramp parking lot (under Highway 20).	By boat from the Swinomish Channel ramp. Vehicle access from I-5 to Highway 20, go west and exit at the Swinomish Casino, turn back east to a dike road on the west side of the channel (SKA0349). Vac truck access from the dike road.	Wetland habitat; waterfowl and shorebirds.

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Strategy	Status	Location	Response Strategy	Length of Boom	Strategy Implementation	Staging Area	Site Access	Resources Protected
NC-9	Strategy modified 9/01	Swinomish Channel (East side, connection to Higgins Slough and the south end of Telegraph Slough) SKA0599 48°-26.475'N 122°-30.235'W	Exclusion - Keep oil out of the entrance to the sloughs.	400'	Deploy boom across the entrance to the sloughs to protect the tidal marsh at the entrance. Connection to the sloughs is through culverts or tide gates inside the marsh area.	Stage from the dike road on the east shore of the Swinomish Channel, the Swinomish Channel boat ramp parking lot (under Highway 20), or Anacortes.	By boat from the Swinomish Channel boat ramp (SKA0595), or from Anacortes. Vehicle access from Highway 20 to the east dike road.	Waterfowl concentrations.
NC-10	New Strategy 9/01	Lone Tree Point (Tosi Pt.) Lagoon (Northeast of Hope Island and south of Kiket Island) SKA0538 48°-24.485'N 122°-33.165'W	Exclusion - Keep oil out of the lagoon.	100'	Deploy boom across the entrance to the lagoon. Extreme high tides may flood the lagoon from the south side.	Stage from the beach near the lagoon, or from Anacortes.	By boat from the ramp in Cornet Bay (ISL0305), or from Anacortes. Vehicle access from Highway 20 to Reservation Road to Snee-oosh Road to private road.	Waterfowl concentrations.
NC-11	Field Tested 5/00	Ben Ure Spit (Northeast corner of Whidbey Island) ISL0295 48°-24.025'N 122°-35.375'W	Exclusion - Keep oil out of the embayment behind the spit.	3000'	Deploy boom in a chevron configuration, with 2000' of boom to the northwest from the tip of the spit for one leg, and then 1000' directly west to the shoreline for the other leg.	Stage from the Cornet Bay boat ramp parking lot, the Deception Pass State Park, or Anacortes.	By boat from the ramp in Cornet Bay (ISL0305), or from Anacortes. Vehicle access from Highway 20 to Troxell Road.	Eelgrass beds, herring, sand lance, and surf smelt spawning, hardshell clams, shorebird concentrations.

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Strategy	Status	Location	Response Strategy	Length of Boom	Strategy Implementation	Staging Area	Site Access	Resources Protected
NC-12		Dugualla Bay (Northeast side of Whidbey Island) ISL0282 48°-21.415'N 122°-35.815'W	Exclusion - Keep oil out of the inner bay.	100'	Deploy boom in front of the culvert/tide gate. Closing the tide gate or blocking the culvert with boards, sandbags, etc. would be more effective.	Stage from the road at the site.	Vehicle access from Highway 20 to Dugualla Bay Road to site.	Fisheries and waterfowl concentrations.
NC-13		Davis Slough (at Highway 532 bridge) ISL0617 48°-14.365'N 122°-23.645'W	Exclusion/ Collection - Keep oil from moving through the slough.	400'	Deploy boom across the slough south of the bridge at Highway 532. Angle the boom to collect oil from the east side, depending on the direction the oil is coming from.	Stage from parking areas on either side of the bridge, the parking lot at the Camano Island State Park boat ramp (ISL0677), or Everett.	Vehicle access from I-5 to Highway 532 to parking areas on each side of the bridge over the slough.	Tidal marshes, waterfowl concentrations, and sensitive nesting species.
NC-14	New Strategy 9/01	West Pass (at Highway 532 bridge) SNO0020 48°-14.415'N 122°-23.015'W	Exclusion/ Collection - Keep oil from moving through the pass.	400'	Deploy boom across the pass under the bridge at Highway 532. Angle the boom to collect oil from either side, depending on the direction the oil is coming from.	Stage from the road and shore on either side under the bridge, the parking lot at the Camano Island State Park boat ramp (ISL0677), or Everett.	By boat from the Camano Island State Park boat ramp (ISL0677), or Everett. Vehicle access from I-5 to Highway 532 to Stanwood, roads to the shore on each side of the bridge.	Waterfowl concentrations and sensitive nesting species.

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Strategy	Status	Location	Response Strategy	Length of Boom	Strategy Implementation	Staging Area	Site Access	Resources Protected
NC-15		South Pass (North end of Port Susan, connection to Skagit Bay) SNO0023 48°-13.695'N 122°-23.070'W	Exclusion/ Collection - Keep oil from moving through the pass.	500'	Deploy boom across the entrance to South Pass at a narrow spot between the dike on each side. Angle the boom to collect oil from the road on the west side, depending on the direction the oil is coming from.	Stage from the road on the west shore, the parking lot at the Camano Island State Park boat ramp (ISL0677), or Everett.	By boat from the Camano Island State Park boat ramp (ISL0677), or Everett. Vehicle access from I-5 to Highway 532 to Stanwood, take first road south after the bridge over the pass.	Waterfowl concentrations and sensitive nesting species.
NC-16	New Strategy 9/01	Triangle Cove (East side of Camano Island) ISL0588 48°-11.765'N 122°-27.870'W	Exclusion/ Collection - Keep oil out of the cove.	800'	Deploy boom from Barnum Point to the tip of the sand spit at the entrance to the cove, and then back to the east shore at an angle to the northeast for collection from Barnum Road. Tidal currents through the entrance can be strong, but the double boom configuration should slow the oil enough for collection at the second boom.	Stage from Barnum Road or the private road out to the end of the sand spit, or from Everett.	By boat from Everett. Vehicle access from I-5 to Highway 532 to East Camano Drive to Barnum Road.	Tidal marshes, waterfowl concentrations, and sensitive nesting species.
NC-17	Strategy modified 9/01	Polnell Point (East side of Crescent Harbor, east side of Whidbey Island) ISL0247 48°-16.655'N 122°-33.490'W	Collection - Prevent oil from moving down Saratoga Passage.	1500'	Deploy boom from the beach on the south end of the sand spit leading to Polnell Point to the northeast to collect oil moving along the beach from the east.	Stage from the road to Polnell Point, or from the Oak Harbor Marina.	By boat from the Oak Harbor Marina, or Everett. Vehicle access from Highway 20 to Torpedo Road to Midway Road. Access to the point is through a locked gate, contact the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station at 360-257-4330 for entry.	Sensitive nesting species, waterfowl concentrations, other Saratoga Passage resources.

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Strategy	Status	Location	Response Strategy	Length of Boom	Strategy Implementation	Staging Area	Site Access	Resources Protected
NC-18	Field Tested 4/03	Maylor's Marsh (South side of Oak Harbor, east side of Whidbey Island) ISL0222 48°-16.655'N 122°-33.490'W	Exclusion - Keep oil out of marsh.	600'	Deploy boom in a chevron configuration from the beach at the entrance to Maylor's Marsh. Tidal currents through the entrance of the marsh can be very strong. Anchor chevron apex far enough off shore so oil is not entrained under the boom by tidal currents.	Stage from the Oak Harbor Marina, or Everett.	By boat from the Oak Harbor Marina, or Everett. Vehicle access from Highway 20 to Pioneer Way to West Coral Sea Ave. to Cascade Drive. Site is on the Naval Seaplane Base, contact the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station at 360-257-4330 for entry.	Marsh habitat, sensitive nesting species, waterfowl concentrations.
NC-19	New Strategy 9/01	Race Lagoon (East side of Whidbey Island, just south of Penn Cove) ISL0151 48°-11.660'N 122°-36.010'W	Exclusion - Keep oil out of the Lagoon.	200'	Deploy boom across the entrance to the lagoon.	Stage from the Oak Harbor Marina, or Everett.	By boat from the Oak Harbor Marina, or Everett. Vehicle access from Highway 20 to Harrington Road through private property at the beach.	Waterfowl concentrations.
NC-20		Holmes Harbor (Southeast side of Whidbey Island) - General strategy for the entire harbor. 48°-3.500'N 122°-32.000'W	Exclusion/ Deflection/ Collection - Protect beaches throughout the harbor.	3000'	Based on trajectories, deploy boom to protect as much of the shoreline in the harbor as possible that is expected to be impacted. All beaches in the harbor have high resource value.	Stage from the Freeland County Park (ISL0095), or Everett.	By boat from the ramp at the Freeland County Park, or Everett. Vehicle access from the Mukilteo Ferry to Highway 525 to Freeland, or from Anacortes on Highway 20 to Highway 525.	All beaches in the area are baitfish spawning habitat.

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NC-21	New Strategy 9/01	Elger Bay (Southwest side of Camano Island) ISL0682 48°-7.770'N 122°-28.620'W	Exclusion - Keep oil out of the tidal marsh behind the sand spit.	300'	Deploy boom across the entrance to the tidal marsh.	Stage from the parking lot at the Camano Island State Park boat ramp (ISL0677), or Everett.	By boat from the Camano Island State Park boat ramp (ISL0677), or Everett. Vehicle access from I-5 to Highway 532 to East Camano Drive to Elger Bay Road.	Tidal marshes, waterfowl concentrations, and sensitive nesting species.
NC-22		Tulalip Bay (Just north of Everett) SNO0086 48°-3.490'N 122°-17.575'W	Exclusion - Keep oil out of the bay.	3000'	Deploy boom in a chevron configuration from the tip of Hermosa Point south to the opposite point northwest of Mission Beach. In poor weather, move the boom inside to protect the bay south of the sand spit across the middle of the bay, running the boom from the end of the sand spit to the shoreline on the east side of the bay.	Stage from the marina in Tulalip Bay, or from Everett.	By boat from the marina in Tulalip Bay, or Everett. Vehicle access from I-5 to Tulalip Road.	Seabird and waterfowl concentrations, sensitive nesting species, and fish resources.
NC-23		Ebey Slough (above I-5, between Everett and Marysville) SNO0114 48°-2.805'N 122°-10.780'W	Exclusion/ Collection - Keep oil out of the slough.	500'	Deploy boom across the slough downstream from the Highway 529 bridge, from the south shore angled north and east to the north shore near the bridge for collection.	Stage off Highway 529 on the northwest side of the bridge, or from Everett.	By boat from Everett. Vehicle access from I-5 to Highway 529.	Seabird and waterfowl concentrations, sensitive nesting species.

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NC-24		Steamboat and Union Sloughs (at confluence, between Everett and Marysville) SNO0131 48°-2.050'N 122°-11.485'W	Exclusion - Keep oil out of the sloughs.	1200'	Deploy boom west of the confluence of the two sloughs.	Stage off Highway 529 at the west tip of Spencer Island, or from Everett.	By boat from Everett. Vehicle access from I-5 to Highway 529.	Seabird and waterfowl concentrations, sensitive nesting species.
NC-25		Snohomish River (at mouth in Everett) SNO0162 48°-1.200'N 122°-12.225'W	Exclusion - Keep oil out of the mouth of the river.	1400'	Deploy boom across the river mouth from Preston Point across the river to Smith Island.	Stage from Preston Point, or Everett.	By boat from Everett. Vehicle access from I-5 to Highway 529 South to West Marine View Drive.	Seabird and waterfowl concentrations, sensitive nesting species.